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MEDIATION SERVICE OFFERS NEW DISPUTE FILING NOTICE

Washington.—The release of a dispute notice form to be used by unions and employers when filing notices in compliance with Section 8(d) (3) of the Taft-Hartley law was announced by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

BLOOD BANK PLAN TALKED BY TEAMSTERS

Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas announced last week that plans for a "walking blood bank" to serve the Salinas area are being sponsored by the union and that all citizens of the Salinas area will be urged to register for the blood donor program.

There are no facilities in Salinas for storage of blood or blood plasma and thus a complete file of all eligible adult blood donors will be created so that patients in need may be able to get immediate blood transfusions in the area. The union points out that blood transfusions are needed during many operations or for treatment of automobile accident victims. Under the "walking blood bank" plan, a donor with proper type of blood would be called upon in time of need. Each donor would have a blood credit due him in case of his emergency.

Physicians of the Salinas area are being contacted by the union and several reportedly have indicated that they will classify blood types of donors to aid the program. Cards will be made up for all registered donors to carry, thus facilitating blood transfusions in emergencies.

Further information regarding the plan will be announced later, according to union officials.

RICE WINNING WIDE SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY

Many endorsements for George L. Rice, union official and candidate for election to the State Assembly from Monterey-San Luis Obispo counties, were reported last week.

Unions which have voted backing to Rice are headed by Monterey culinary and bartenders, Local 483, of which he is secretary and business agent, and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, of which he is a delegate.

Other labor organizations which have voted endorsement of Rice include the Monterey County Building Trades Council, the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, the San Luis Obispo Central Labor Council, the San Luis Obispo Building Trades Council, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Culinary-Bartenders Union 703 of San Luis Obispo, the Monterey Fishermen's Union, and others.

In addition endorsements have come from the Democratic committees of both counties, from the Carmel Democratic Women's Club, and from several civic organizations.

Rice has made a number of personal appearances and radio talks. He is stressing one theme:

"Tell your friends to be sure to vote and to vote for a positive, progressive program of legislation."

T. Strickland is New Secretary Of Plumbers 62

Thaine Strickland, of Pacific Grove, has been elected as secretary of Monterey Plumbers Union 62, succeeding G. L. Walton, who resigned.

Truman Scarlett is president of the union with Fred Miller, business agent of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, serving the union as representative.

Meetings of Local 62 now are held at Aurora Hall, at Prescott and Wave avenues, Monterey, Strickland announced.

Highway Paving Project Starts

Re-surfacing of Highway 101 between King City and San Ardo was underway this week under direction of Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville, contractor for the highway project.

A stretch of about 3 1/2 miles in length is being re-surfaced in this project, union officials said.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR RICE MONDAY

Tickets to the George L. Rice for Assembly Testimonial Dinner and Entertainment next Monday night at "The Corral," on Fremont Extension in Monterey, may be purchased at the door, it was announced this week.

So heavy has been the demand for tickets since the announcement that all proceeds would go for Rice's assembly campaign that proponents of the affair have been unable to supply the demand and arrangements have been made to sell the tickets at the entrance.

Plans for the affair call for food, liquid refreshments, dancing and entertainment from 7:30 p.m. until the early hours of the morning. The place is the former Techau Inn, it was pointed out.

All net proceeds go to Rice's campaign and the "fun frolic," as it has been designated, is open to the general public and all persons interested in Rice's campaign.

SHORT STRIKE ON MONTEREY WHARF SETTLED

A sudden dispute caused by refusal of a waiter in a Monterey waterfront restaurant to remove his union working button was settled last Sunday but not until after the restaurant had been picketed the evening before.

Secretary George L. Rice of Monterey Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 ordered the picketing of the house after John D. Girolamo, proprietor, informed the union that he had discharged the waiter, that he refused to re-instate the man, and that he would not consider arbitration in the matter.

Pickets were placed at once by the union, Rice said, and union employees in the house left their posts quietly after completing service of all customers in the house at time of the dispute.

No one crossed the picket line, Rice reports, and Girolamo, through his attorney, sought settlement of the dispute very shortly.

Rice said picketing continued until the house was closed and that discussion of proper settlement continued until the early morning.

The dispute was finally settled at 10 a.m. Sunday when pickets were removed, then the employer reinstated the waiter, when an agreement was reached with the employer that all employees would wear their union buttons henceforth, and when other minor matters were settled, Rice said.

Girolamo reportedly had objected to the wearing of the union button and had ordered the waiter to remove it. When the waiter refused, Girolamo reportedly discharged him at once. The man left the premises and informed the union, Rice said, which took action at once.

MISSION PARK SEWER LINES ARE STARTED

Pacific Builders, Inc., local construction firm, started last week on ditch digging and pipe laying in connection with the extensive sewer project serving the Mission Park district on South Main Street, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent for building trades crafts.

The sewer job in Monterey Park No. 2 is also getting underway with Granite Construction Co. as contractor.

At Moss Landing, the work of installing a new "intake" pipe line is progressing well. The Permanente Metals Corp. is installing this new line to the company's Moss Landing plant.

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PLENTY HIGH: Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Calif.) took these groceries to the House to illustrate her point that prices continue to climb. She said these articles cost \$16.23 at the "lowest price chain store in Washington." They cost, she said, \$15.02 a year ago and \$10.08 under OPA.

AFL Heads Back Move For Inquiry By UN On World Slave Labor

New York.—AFL leaders joined with other prominent citizens in calling upon the United Nations for a searching inquiry into slave labor conditions throughout the world and urged an end to the practice of slave labor everywhere.

The statement, signed by more than 300 citizens, was released by Rev. Donald Harrington, national chairman of the Workers Defense League.

Included among those backing the WDL action were William Green, president of the AFL; Matthew Will, AFL council member; Max Zaritsky, president of the United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union; Arnold S. Zander, president of the State, County and Municipal Employees Union; H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Farm Labor Union; A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; and other AFL officials.

Charging that the number of slave laborers in the world has increased to an estimated 20,000,000, the signers of the statement publicly expressed their solidarity with these workers.

"On the basis of the facts disclosed, the conscience of humanity must be mobilized," the statement says. "Free labor is not secure while slave labor exists. We assert that it is the positive duty of the United Nations to investigate and publicize the facts about slave labor. We ask for the facts, and we demand the end of slave labor everywhere in the world."

DETROIT TRADES WIN RAISES

Detroit.—Raises of 15 to 20 cents an hour were won by most Detroit AFL building trades effective May 1. Operating engineers got the 20 cents boost to \$2.20 an hour. Other raises and the new scales are carpenters 17 1/2 cents to \$2.20, millwrights 17 1/2 cents to \$2.05 and \$2.07 1/2; and 15 cents for electricians, plumbers and structural ironworkers to \$2.40; 15 cents for dump-truck drivers to \$1.70, for pickup truck drivers to \$1.60, and for building laborers to \$1.57 1/2 an hour. Half a dozen trades are still to settle.

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STATE GROUPS OPPOSE 'LOCAL' OPTION MOVES

At meetings of the California State Association of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders and of the California State Federation of Labor executive council last weekend opposition to the proposed "local option" prohibition movements was expressed through resolutions adopted, Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Salinas Culinary Alliance 467 reports.

Mrs. Boles attended the association's meeting and reports that various political matters were considered.

Speakers at the state association meeting included Charles Skully, attorney for the state federation, who spoke on the plan for reapportionment of the state senate; Federation President Jack Shelley and Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty, who discussed various political matters.

TB X-Ray Unit Coming Here For 3 Weeks

Arrangements were announced last week under which all union members might get free chest x-rays for tuberculosis during the period from May 24 to June 12.

The Monterey County Tuberculosis and Health Association informed labor unions that a mobile x-ray unit has been rented for this period and will be available as a service to working people and others in various communities.

Union officials joined in an appeal to all workers to take advantage of the free chest x-rays. It was pointed out that the x-rays paid for by the Christmas Seals sold each December, that the x-rays take only a few minutes of the worker's time, that all information is confidential, and that the x-ray program has the approval of the county Medical Society.

X-rays show any abnormalities of the heart also, and thus are double valuable in some instances.

The schedule for the mobile x-ray unit calls for the x-rays to be offered from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, as follows:

San Ardo, Monday, May 24; King City, Tuesday, May 25; Greenfield, Wednesday, May 26; Soledad, Thursday, May 27; Gonzales, Friday, May 28; Salinas, Saturday, May 29.

Alisal, Tuesday, June 1; Chualar, Wednesday, June 2; Spreckels, Thursday, June 3; Castroville, Friday, June 4; Carmel, Saturday, June 5.

Sesside, Tuesday, June 8; New Monterey, Wednesday, June 9; Monterey, Thursday, June 10; Pacific Grove, Friday and Saturday, June 11-12.

Political Body Meets Friday At Salinas Hall

Next meeting of the United American Federation of Labor Political and Education Committee of Monterey County will be held at the Salinas Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, it was announced last week.

The political group, which represents both the Monterey and Salinas labor councils and affiliated unions, will meet in Monterey at 8 p.m. Friday, May 28.

Meetings of the group will be held on the second and fourth Fridays, alternating between Salinas and Monterey.

The Salinas labor council has voted to cancel meetings on the second and fourth weeks to allow officials and political committee delegates to attend the political meetings, Secretary W. G. Kenyon reports.

CONNORS NAMED BUSINESS AGENT FOR LOCAL 483

Martin Connors, bartender who was active for many years with Bartenders and Waiters Union 500 of San Diego, was named business agent of Monterey's Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 last week.

He succeeds Mary Ballinger, part-time business agent who has seriously injured some weeks ago. Connors will devote full time to the job, according to union Secretary George L. Rice.

CLOGGED N.L.R.B. MACHINERY BLAMED ON 'SLAVE' STATUTE

Chicago.—Joseph M. Jacobs, a labor attorney here, charged that the Taft-Hartley law has caused a breakdown in the administrative activities of the National Labor Relations Board which "nullifies the substantial progress made toward national labor-management cooperation."

In an address before Local 80 of the AFL's United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Jacobs declared the terrific backlog of cases awaiting action by the NLRB, attributable to the new labor law, forces unions to wait a year to 18 months before elections can be held and issues settled.

This has brought about a situation in which real collective bargaining is impossible, he said.

"The statistical report covering the NLRB's activity during the first six months of Taft-Hartley," said Jacobs, "more than substantiates the dire predictions made by representatives of labor."

In a period of six months, the NLRB accumulated a backlog of 9,500 cases. After six months of Taft-Hartley the board is farther behind than it was after 11 years of operation under the Wagner Act.

"Nor is that the worst. Chairman Paul M. Herzog of the NLRB when he was in Chicago to address the Industrial Relations Conference of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, predicted that the board expected more than 60,000 cases during 1948, which is six times more than the board ever could handle under the old Wagner Act."

The 15 1/2 cent increase would add \$48 million a year to company payrolls, an insignificant sum compared to the price boosts the carriers have obtained in the last eight months and their prospects of additional price increases.

For while one government board held down labor's wage demands, another government body is shortly expected to approve railroad requests for another 10 per cent increase in freight rates. This will add \$500 million more to freight revenues and mean more inflationary prices for consumers, whom industry forces to pay for the higher rates.

The costs are passed on to the consumers despite the stupendous profits being raked in by the railroads. In 1947, the carriers chalked up \$480 million, 64 per cent higher than the 1946 take of \$289 million. The 1948 haul will be increased greatly by higher freight rates, in effect for only the last three months of 1947.

The two east coast giants, New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad, last year made more than \$12 million and \$15 million respectively over 1946. West coast outfits showed even bigger increases, with Southern Pacific's 1946 profit of \$25.7 million raised to \$35.5 million and Union Pacific's \$34 million blown up to \$55 million.

Products Dumped At Di Giorgio's

Pickets at the strike-bound Di Giorgio Farms reported recently that asparagus grown on the Ranch is being hauled away to the company dump by the truck load.

It is thought by Farm Labor Union officials here that there is no market for Di Giorgio asparagus because all products of the huge ranch have been placed on the Unfair Lists of the American Federation of Labor Unions all over the country.

"We are confident that Di Giorgio will have increasing trouble marketing his crops as they come on. They are Hot Cargo in California and they are on the 'Do Not Patronize' lists throughout the United States," declared James Price, spokesman for the 1100 striking Di Giorgio workers.

A labor parley held in San Francisco, mopped out the organizational program for the National Farm Labor Union for the coming season. American Federation of Labor officials, State Federation of Labor officials, Kern County Labor leaders and Farm Labor Union representatives discussed the problem of organizing the migrant workers in the Valley. Unionization of the citrus workers in the coastal region was also considered by the group.

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PLUMBERS' PAY UP 25 CENTS

Philadelphia.—Local 690 of the AFL's Plumbers' Union announced negotiation of a new contract providing an increase of 25 cents in the hourly pay for journeymen plumbers here.

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Are You Ready for Primary?

Not long ago it seemed many months away. Then the registration closed April 22nd and those who had neglected to register by then have thereby forfeited their right to vote at the coming primary election, which will be held June 1st.

June 1st is an important day for labor for on that day candidates will be selected to appear on the final ballot in November. In many ways this primary is the most important election of 1948.

In order to have the right kind of candidates to vote for in November they must first be nominated by the voters themselves in June. During the few days remaining till the primary every voter should make a careful study of all the names that appear on your sample ballot.

Do not wait till the day of the election. Have all candidates carefully figured out ahead of time, so that you know just exactly how you are going to vote in every instance.

Be sure to select for Congress a candidate who is pledged to vote for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. Be sure to select candidates for the state legislature and for county supervisors, who are for labor and who cannot be swayed to vote otherwise. You will also elect delegates to national conventions, where candidates for President of the United States will be nominated.

Labor's Political Power

In the past American labor has not made anywhere near as large a use of its political power as might have been done. As a result labor is paying dearly right now for that neglect.

Chiefly due to the fact that half of the members of organized labor failed to vote at all a bitterly anti-labor Congress was elected in 1946. Those organized workers who did vote were divided thus further reducing the effectiveness of that vote.

As a result our American Congress was promptly converted into a clearing house for the most hostile anti-labor legislation of the present century. From it emerged the Taft-Hartley law, which threatens in time to undermine and destroy everything labor has gained during the past two generations.

To counteract and reverse this trend against labor the workers, especially those who are organized, must come to their senses before it is too late. They must use their political power, while they still have it, to elect representatives in Congress, who will repeal the Taft-Hartley bill and all similar legislation.

With its fifteen million members of unions and at least as many more members of their families, who are voters, labor has the political power to create a pro-labor government. Labor must use its power to accomplish just this.

Labor Must Save Itself

Nobody can or will save labor from being forced back into a state of servitude and outright slavery except labor itself.

Too often the men and women of labor rely exclusively upon a few officials to do this for them.

This viewpoint is entirely wrong. Every member of every union has a part to play. They owe it to themselves and their fellow workers to get informed on those matters that concern them all. Not only should all members take an active part in handling the business of their union but they should prepare and fit themselves to cast an intelligent ballot when election day rolls around.

Labor is in dire straits now because the workers have failed to vote intelligently in bygone elections. The plain truth is that too many have failed to vote at all. They had the power but failed to use it. Now all the ground forfeited will have to be regained. But labor is the only power on earth that can regain the ground lost.

Those workers who neglect to vote are donating their political power to their enemies. Today that power is being used by these same enemies to take from labor most precious rights for which our forefathers fought and struggled. To preserve its freedom American labor must take united steps to save itself.

With living standards of Americans going continually downward because of steadily increasing prices how long will it be before it will occur to Washington bigwigs that perhaps the limit may have been reached for gouging the American people to provide easy money for western Europe, Greece, Turkey and China?

Did it ever occur to you that every cent transferred to Europe as relief or what not is taken from the American people and by making it a debt on Americans we will not only have to pay the entire debt ourselves but will also be making endless interests payments until some plan is devised to pay off the principal.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

3 OUT OF 4 HOSPITAL BEDS IN THE U.S. ARE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

40% OF THE NATION'S FAMILY UNITS (EXCLUDING FARM OPERATORS) OWN THEIR OWN HOMES.

THE SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION - AFL AT A BALTIMORE MEMBERSHIP MEETING VOTED THAT NO SHIPMAN SHIP OUT WITHOUT FIRST DOING PICKET TIME ON THE SHIPYARD WORKERS - CIO LINE AROUND BETHLEHEM STEEL. THE SHIP WHITE CAPS WERE SEEN ON THE PICKET LINE EVERY DAY OF THE STRIKE'S DURATION.

THE UNION LABEL IN YOUR HAT OR CAP IS MORE THAN EVIDENCE OF THE BEST IN HEADWEAR; IT IS PROOF OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNION LABEL CAMPAIGN OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

Industry Wants To Abolish All Suits For Overtime Pay

Not content with denying wage hikes on the basis of a phoney price-cutting scheme and throwing the Taft-Hartley book at labor, the boss crowd is preparing to torpedo overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Opening gun was fired in New York on Monday by Louis Waldman, one of the founders of the American Labor Party, who has worked up a reputation as a labor attorney.

Hitting what industry calls "overtime-on-overtime" suits filed by unions, he declared congress must outlaw these court actions because they are "threatening to sweep all industry" as the portal-to-portal issue did.

ACT FAILS TO DEFINE
Waldman spoke on the same platform with Congressman Angier L. Goodwin of Massachusetts, and Frazier A. Bailey, president of the National Federation of American Shipping, to a group of over 250 at the New York Maritime exchange.

Crux of his argument was that while the act says that a worker shall be paid "at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he is employed" for all time over 40 hours a week, the act does not define a "regular" or an "overtime" rate. As a consequence, he said, labor takes advantage of this confusion in the act to file suits.

This one-time chairman of the Socialist Party in the State of New York referred to the flood of suits emanating from longshoremen and warehousemen on the Pacific Coast.

His presentation was as follows: **WANT 'AVERAGE' RATE**
Workers suing under their interpretation of the Act claim that the time and a half rates in their contracts are not overtime rates at all, but simply "shift differential" rates.

Where they have been paid straight time wages for straight time hours in the contract and time and a half for overtime hours, they claim they should have been paid "average" rate for the first 40 hours and time and one-half that "average" rate for hours after 40.

GIVES EXAMPLE
The rub comes in the manner of figuring the "average" rate. Claimants want to divide total hours worked in each week (retroactively for two years or more) into total wages received for each week and call that the "average" rate. This rate they want applied only to the first 40 hours in each week and one and one-half times that average rate to each above 40.

A "simple" example has been given by the Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast, some of whose members have been sued.

Assume that the contract provides that time and one-half is to be paid for all hours over 8 per day, over 40 per week, and for Saturday, Sundays and Holidays. Assume also that a man worked 9 hours on each of 5 days, Monday through Friday. This would be 8 straight-time hours per day and one overtime hour per day.

Using one dollar per hour as the straight time rate for ease in figuring, the computation under the present practice would look like this: 40 hours at \$1. (\$40) plus 5 hours at \$1.50 (\$7.50) equals \$47.50.

But under overtime-on-overtime rate of \$1.055 (\$47.50 divided by 45 hours) plus five hours at \$1.58 (1 1/2 times \$1.055), making a total of \$50.12. Difference between the two is \$2.62.

HINTS for your HOME

By JO Lynne

Baking is a cinch these days with all the prepared mixes on the market, and the inexperienced or hurried cook needn't apologize for finding shortcuts in cardboard cartons either.

But there are knacks to using the mixes. First of all, be sure to read the directions on the package carefully and follow to the letter.

If you're making biscuits or shortcakes, muffins or meat pies, turn on your oven before you start working if you want a light, tender, fluffy product. You need a good hot oven. Have your dough soft enough, but not sticky. If the dough sticks to the rolling pin, use a pastry set or put a heavy cloth over the board and an child's ribbed cotton stocking, with the foot cut off, over the rolling pin. If you add flour to the covers, the dough won't absorb it. Work as quickly as possible and use a light touch.

To save time in making biscuits cut the dough into squares with the sharp knife when it is rolled out, or, if you prefer, make a long cylindrical roll of the dough and cut half-inch slices with a sharp knife. If you like biscuits crusty, put them on the baking sheet with spaces between. If you like them soft, place them close together.

With muffins, be sure to fill the muffin cups only two-thirds full. Otherwise, the muffins will be flat if you haven't filled the cups enough or peaked if you've poured in too much. And work fast here, too, because the leavening starts to work as soon as the liquid is added and the sooner the batter gets into the oven, the better the muffins will be.

MEAT PIES, DUMPLINGS, DESSERTS

Meat pies are a particularly good way of utilizing leftovers or stretching small amounts of meat, and if they're not soggy, they're delicious. The secret is to get the pie into the oven as soon as it is made and to have the filling boiling hot before putting the pastry on. If the mixture isn't hot enough put it into the oven to heat while mixing the topping. And be sure to puncture the top crust to let the steam escape while baking.

Dumplings, another possibility with mixes, will slip off the spoon easily if you dip your spoon into the hot soup or broth in which they are to be cooked, before each dumpling is dropped. Rest the dumplings on meat or vegetables, not in the liquid, so that they steam, rather than boil. If you use a glass cover or pie plate, you can watch the dumplings cook without having to take the cover off the pot.

The state of Maine produces a large potato crop, with hay in second place in its agricultural list. The state's main manufacturing is cotton and wool textiles, worsteds, boots and shoes.

Construction Trades Union Highly Praised by Ohio Business Leader

Cleveland. — Another top executive in the industrial world departed from the usual business "line" and issued a statement in praise of unions.

O. F. Sieder, executive vice-president of the H. K. Ferguson Company, one of the world's largest builders of factories and power plants, in a message to the company's employees declared openly that "we are happy with our union relations which go back for many years and extend to all parts of the country."

The Ferguson Company has for decades maintained agreements with various AFL building trades unions covering its over 5,000 employees. "In these days when it seems to be fashionable to attack unions, we want to go on record with a few facts," the company's message said. Here are the facts it listed:

- "1. The unions are a source of the skills this country needs to continue the building of our national industrial plants.
 - "2. They have helped establish high standards of skill in the construction industry.
 - "3. They have helped to promote America's high standard of living—one of the modern wonders of the world.
 - "4. They are a partner with management in keeping America industrially strong and, therefore, safe and free in a troubled world."
- Then the company added that, "we're all on the same team and have the same goal."

Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department, voiced pleasure at the statement. "Naturally, we appreciate the company's fine stand and we can assure the management it's mutual," he said. "The fact is, we have similar excellent relations with most corporations in the construction field."

"If all managements took the same position, industrial strife would practically disappear in this country, and we would have an era of peace from which labor, industry and the public would benefit enormously."

Doctor: "The best thing for you to do is to give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning and go to bed early every night."

Patient: "Somehow, doctor, I don't deserve the best. What's second best?"

Hemispheric Membership Asked by Haiti Labor Group

of an application from the newly organized Federation of the Inter-American Confederation of Workers (CIT) and the AFL's Latin-American representative, announced the receipt of an application from the newly organized Federation of Labor of Haiti for membership in the recently formed hemispheric labor organization.

The application was submitted by M. Mollere J. H. Compas, general secretary of the labor federation in Haiti.

Mr. Romualdi said he referred the application to CIT President Bernardo Ibanez in Chile. He expressed the opinion that the Federation of Labor in Haiti will be admitted as a member of the CIT by unanimous consent of that organization's executive committee.

The labor movement of Haiti was not represented at the recent conference held in Lima, at which meeting the CIT was organized. Mr. Romualdi said he interpreted the decision of the Haitian federation to join the hemispheric body as a remarkable tribute to the prestige and influence already acquired by the new organization in the field of international labor affairs.

The American Federation of Labor played an important role in the organization of the Inter-Am-

erican Confederation of Workers which was formed to fight against Communist penetration into the free trade union movements in the Western Hemisphere.

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the AFL, was elected as one of the organization's vice-presidents and, as such, serves on the CIT executive committee.

Lansing Labor Weekly Thrives

Lansing, Mich.—The Lansing Labor News celebrated its third birthday with two achievements—operating without a deficit, and reaching the largest weekly circulation of any paper in central Michigan, according to Editor, V. E. Vandenberg. The paid mail circulation is over 10,000.

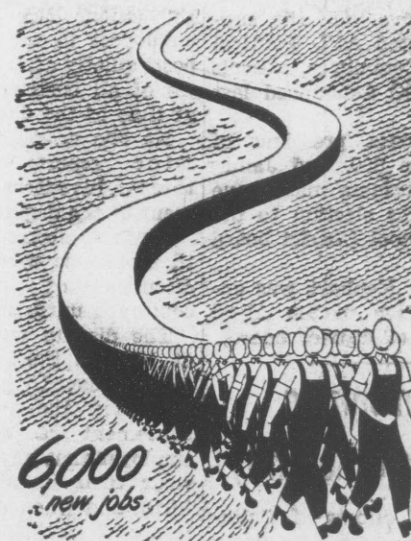
The paper is owned by the major unions of Lansing which pay 10 cents per member per month to have it published and mailed to their members.

Quick picture of America's biggest power-building program

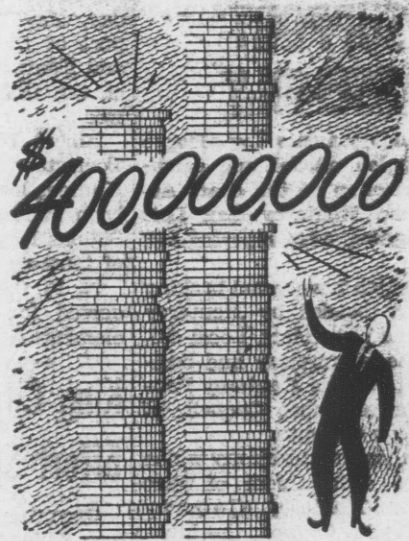
In three and a half short years...between now and the end of 1951...P. G. and E. will add nearly two million horsepower in generating capacity. To help you understand how big this program really is, here are some comparisons.



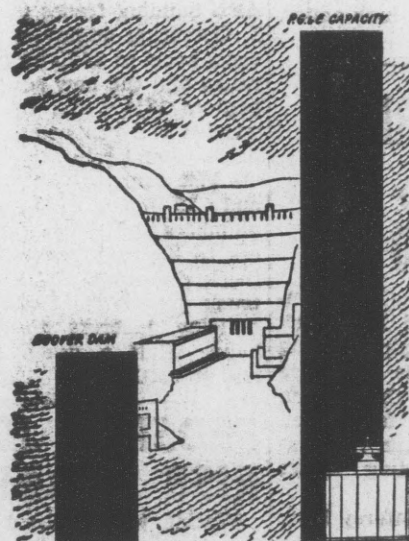
More power than was needed to meet all the pre-war requirements of Northern and Central California will be added.



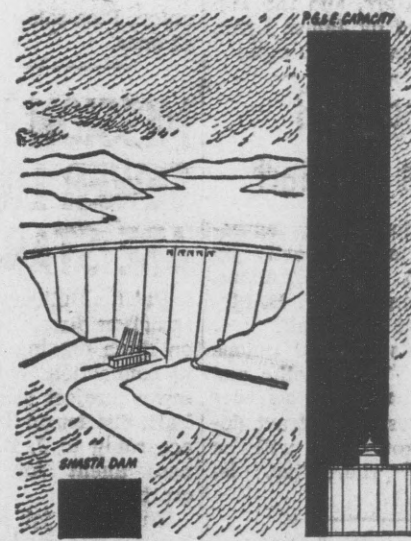
The program is creating jobs for thousands of men. The estimated peak work force will exceed 6,000.



It's the biggest program of any electrical utility in America today, costing more than \$400,000,000. It is now proceeding at more than \$10,000,000 a month.



Added to previous totals, the new power will give P. G. and E. a generating capacity about three times that of Hoover Dam.



Or 8 times greater than Shasta Dam. This program, now in its third year, is going full speed ahead!

New Plant Schedule

It takes time to build power plants...more than three years to build a steam generating plant. Like everyone, we were delayed by wartime restrictions and postwar building problems. Some of the orders for equipment have been held up many months. But, we're making steady progress now. Here's a schedule of major new plants and completion dates, which will be met unless there are further unforeseen delays.

PLANT	CAPACITY	COMPLETION DATE
Kern Steam—First Unit	101,000 horsepower	Spring 1948
Electra Hydro	133,000 "	Summer 1948
Station "P" Steam	298,000 "	Winter 1948
West Point Hydro	21,000 "	Winter 1948
Colgate Hydro	40,000 "	Summer 1949
Cresta Hydro	101,000 "	Winter 1949
Kern Steam—Second Unit	134,000 "	Spring 1950
Rock Creek Hydro	169,000 "	Summer 1950
One Steam Unit	150,000 "	Summer 1950
Five Steam Units	150,000 " each	Year 1951

Work never stops on our power-building program

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British Units Back Freeze On Wages

Freeze On Wages

London. — More than 1,500 leaders of 155 unions, called together to consider the British Trades Union Congress general council's support of a wage freeze, reaffirming the council's position by more than 2 to 1.

The vote, with each union leader casting a bloc ballot based on the number of members he represented, was 5,421,000 for the government's wage freeze and 2,032,000 against.

The government is also seeking

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LOCAL 483 REPORTS



HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
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MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

By GEO. L. RICE, Secretary

The Employers' Association informs the local that they will meet with our Contract Negotiations Committee on Wednesday, May 12. The Association has been informed, of course, that the membership of Local 483 rejected their counter-proposal which evolved from the recent meetings, so it can be assumed that their group is now willing to negotiate on the proposed new agreement, which provides for wage increases and improvements in the working conditions. We hope that a speedy, peaceful settlement will be reached.

Picket flags were put to work briefly at Fisherman's Wharf during a dispute over the wearing of Union Buttons. An agreement was quickly reached which was satisfactory to all parties concerned, however, so the banners have been returned to the shelf once more. We hope they may remain there, quietly gathering dust, for a long time to come.

The local's job dispatcher is getting an increasing number of calls for help, particularly for qualified cooks and waitresses. If you know of any member, or prospective member, who would like employment, by all means refer them to the union office. With the opening of several seasonal resorts just around the corner, we will apparently face a shortage of trained, qualified help again this summer.

While on the subject of employment, don't forget: the local's by-laws require that every member report to the office when accepting a new job, and getting a work permit. Changes of address must be promptly reported, in order that the union's records may be kept up to date at all times. This will be more important than ever now, as the newly-adopted insurance program will require that efficient records be available at all times.

The local's by-laws also require that each member wear the working button while on the job. These rules were written and adopted by the membership, so it's now up to the membership to enforce and maintain their own rules. The business agent will, of course, be required to levy a small fine in the event your button "gets sent to the laundry." Remember to look after your own button—you don't send your money "to the laundry" with your soiled uniform, and . . . your button will represent money to you from here on in!

The local was saddened by the death of Sister Juanita Daniels on May 4. After nearly two years of much suffering and constant pain, Juanita has finally found her peace. Her death is especially significant at this time, during the Cancer Fund drive, since a dreaded cancer was the cause of death. Remember to give as generously as you can when you see a collection box for this worthwhile cause. Your small donation may help to find the cure—and prevent the appalling death rate, particularly among the younger people. For Juanita, at the time of her death, was just 34 years of age.

The Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles office, has been advised of Juanita's death, and we can expect the \$1,000 life insurance benefit in the very near future. The membership will be advised when the check is received, as this is our first "test" of the new insurance plan.

Well, Biff and Sue Russo, for Jo, these many years operator of "Biff's El Estero," have finally decided to take life a bit easier. The place has been sold to Bob Langford of Carmel, a very genial guy, who will have a grand opening in the immediate future. Bob has engaged F. A. Chadwick, whom we all know as "Chad," for his trouble shooter (some call it job manager) and is already operating "Biff's." The Union House Card is, of course, still in its accustomed spot on the wall, and will remain there. The local wishes the whole gang

E. R. P. AID BY LABOR IS URGED

Washington.—Warning that money alone will not make the Marshall Plan a success, AFL President William Green said the forces for freedom on Europe's economic front have undertaken a vigorous drive to mobilize labor's support of the aid program.

In a statement prepared for foreign release by the United Press, Mr. Green said the March conference in London, backed by the AFL, marked the beginning of a campaign to realize the following objectives:

1. To convince the workers of Europe that the European Recovery Program is the way to maintain peace and freedom through economic progress and prosperity.

2. To make the workers of Europe understand that the alternative course of submission to Communism can lead only to a war of annihilation and destruction of all hope for the future.

Mr. Green stressed that the future of Europe depends upon the workers, not upon the diplomats or political leaders. He said:

HUNGER IS KEY

"In the final analysis the decision on whether the free nations of Europe will remain free or succumb to Communist enslavement will be made by the organized wage earners."

"Soviet Russia could not have taken over control of Czechoslovakia without the help and support of masses of workers who were driven desperate by hunger and deprivation."

"It is obvious by now that Moscow is playing the same game in Italy, in France, and in other nations of western Europe."

"My message to the workers in these nations is simply this: 'Consider carefully the record of Soviet Russia's treatment of subjugated peoples and the labor policies of the Stalinists and don't let yourself be beguiled by the false and empty promises which the Communist leaders are so generous in offering.'

RUSSIANS ARE SLAVES

"Remember this—that under the so-called dictatorship of the proletariat in Russia millions of workers in that country are still being forced to work under slave labor conditions."

"Consider the status of the Russian workers themselves! Their freedoms are gone. The right to strike, fundamental in free countries, has been prohibited. Wages and working conditions are set arbitrarily by the government. The trade unions cannot truly represent the workers nor express their wishes because the Russian trade unions have become a police force through which the government regiments and disciplines the workers."

IT'S UP TO YOU!

"Do you want such a fate to fall upon you? Do the free workers of western Europe want to surrender their right to strike? Can any illusory economic advantages compensate for the terror, the bloodshed, the espionage, and the loss of fundamental civil rights which the Communist regime would be certain to enforce?"

"I am confident that the freedom-loving workers of western Europe who have seen the evils of dictatorship as exemplified in Hitler's Germany, Mussolini's Italy, and Stalin's Russia want no part of such a program."

Thousands Picket White House on Palestine Deal

Washington.—A picketline of several thousand persons demonstrated before the White House at the call of the United Committee to Save the Jewish State and the United Nations. They came from 18 states to protest U.S. policy in scrapping the partition of Palestine.

Groups also paraded before the State Department building and the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic National Committees. They carried sign reading: Partition—No Trusteeship, Austin Wall Street Hatchet Man, Shame, and Lift the Arms Embargo.

Earlier in the day hundreds spoke with their congressmen to urge a congressional resolution changing American policy toward the new Jewish state. They asked that the President be instructed to support partition in the U.N., lift the arms embargo on the Jewish people in the Holy Land and support the provisional Jewish government.

Norway Chorus Concert

The Women's Chorus of the University of Oslo will be heard in a concert of choral works, folk songs and other music indigenous to Norway on Tuesday, May 4 at 8:15 p. m. The seventy-voice group conducted by Agnes Brevig, will appear in Wheeler Hall on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. Soloists on the program will be Eva Hawthorn, Karl Frisell, Gunvor Mjelva, Ragnhild Hygen and Solveig Grippe.

With Local 890

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LOCAL 890
Monterey, County
Main and John Streets
Salinas, California

Attention All Members of Local Union 890: The Monterey County Tuberculosis and Health Association has rented a mobile x-ray unit for a three-week period, May 24 through June 12, to be set up in the various community centers throughout the county, making it possible for all residents of Monterey County to have a miniature x-ray picture of the chest free of charge.

A schedule of dates is shown here. Your newspaper will give more details shortly before the program starts. Any other information desired may be had by phoning the Monterey County Tuberculosis and Health Association, Salinas 8675.

Early tuberculosis does not hurt, nor show signs nor symptoms. Chest x-rays are the best means of finding tuberculosis in the early stages. They also show a picture of the heart, and any abnormality in size will be reported to your physician.

This service is: Free—paid for by the sale of Christmas Seals.

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Approved—by your city and county health departments and the Monterey County Medical Society.

May we have 100 per cent cooperation from the members of your group and their families from 12 years of age up? You may either contact the office of the union for appointments or you may contact the Monterey County Tuberculosis and Health Association, located at 415 Salinas National Bank Building, Salinas, phone 8675.

X-RAY SCHEDULE

May 24-June 12, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in each community (details of exact location to be published in local newspaper).

San Ardo—Monday, May 24.
King City—Tuesday, May 25.
Greenfield—Wednesday, May 26.
Soledad—Thursday, May 27.
Gonzales—Friday, May 28.
Salinas—Saturday, May 29.
Alisal—Tuesday, June 1.
Chualar—Wednesday, June 2.
Spreckels—Thursday, June 3.
Castroville—Friday, June 4.
Carmel—Saturday, June 5.
Seaside—Tuesday, June 8.
New Monterey—Wednesday, June 9.
Monterey—Thursday, June 10.
Pacific Grove—Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12.

Attention All Long-Line and Short-Line Drivers: The proposal submitted by your union regarding the new contract as of May 1, 1948, which means an increase of 12 1/2 cents per hour, has been accepted throughout the state. Therefore, effective May 1, 1948, to run for one year, the following scales of pay will prevail: Long line, \$1.66 per hour; short line, \$1.51 per hour; time and one-half after eight hours. All companies are being notified regarding this change. If you have not received pay according to these scales, kindly notify your union.

Produce Drivers: Agreements are being prepared with the 12 1/2-cent-per-hour increase, as agreed to. Wages affecting this industry as of April 1, \$1.37 1/2 per hour. All other conditions remain as in last year's contract. Copies of agreement will be printed immediately in booklet form and will be made available to all members in this industry.

Lumber Industry: Negotiations are still continuing with the Salinas lumber industry. All men employed in this division will be called to a meeting immediately following meetings presently being held with the employers.

Shook: All members in the shook industry—when you read this, negotiations will be taking place regarding increases requested as well as other changes in the contract. Keep in touch with your union for any further information.

Manufactured Milk: All members employed at Meyenberg's—stand by for Union Shop election to be held very soon. The same applies to Pet Milk Company employees in Salinas.

Attention Tire Industry Employees: An election was held at Don Hultz Tires which was won 100 per cent for the union. An election will be held very shortly at the Firesone Tires regarding the Union Shop. Contracts are being prepared based on the 12 1/2-cent increase agreed to, effective January 11.

Construction Drivers: Although an increase of 12 1/2 cents per hour was agreed to throughout the state, the contract has not been settled as yet. You will be notified as soon as the contract has been agreed to in its entirety. Although this division voted down the proposal at its last meeting, the statewide balloting shows that the increase was accepted.

Attention All Members: On May 21 an election will be held for School Trustees. This is to advise you that members of your families and their friends who are eligible

to vote should support Albert A. Harris, president of your union, who is a candidate for the Salinas Union High School district. You are all familiar with Brother Harris' platform. Brother Harris' integrity and honesty have never been questioned. You may rest assured that as a family man, a taxpayer and a good all-around citizen, he will be most useful in this most important educational branch of our school system. The people of the community want a change! And the caliber of Brother Harris is such that he will be most useful as his interests will be primarily for a fair program which will mean something to our school system. It is most important that you cast your vote in his behalf on May 21 at the polls. There will be a special election held for this purpose only. Your union also endorses the candidacy of Hunter and Kephart.

PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 1

On June 1 the Primaries will be held. Your union has endorsed the candidacy of Fred Enlay for State Senator, George L. Rice for the Assembly, and Don McMillen for Congress.

These men also have the endorsement of the State Federation of Labor, the Salinas Central Labor Council, the Monterey Central Labor Council, as well as of many people interested in the community in which these people live, because they certainly feel the change is necessary. The incumbents have contributed very little for the welfare of John Q. Public in our district. Legislation is a most important function of our community and unless we interest ourselves in politics for the sole benefit of the people who make up the community in which we live, we will continue to receive bad legislation which cripples 95 per cent of the people. So remember that on June 1, Fred Enlay, George Rice and Don McMillen are the choice of the working people and many small-business men; and some recognition will be given to the problems affecting these people and not all energy expended to take care of the interests of a selected few.

Attention All Shop Stewards: Brand new shop stewards buttons have been procured. A meeting will be held very soon for shop stewards only, at which time the buttons will be given out as well as a grievance book. Your union has printed a large number of grievance books to be used in the event there are any violations committed regarding our present contracts.

Attention All Beverage Drivers: Copies of our present agreement have been printed in booklet form. We ask that you call at the office of the union for your copy.

Remember to pay your dues in order to remain in benefit standing. Register for work at the office of the union in the event you are not employed as many assignments are given out at the union office.

Attention Monterey Members: Next regular meeting for Monterey will be held on Thursday, May 13, at 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey, at 8 p.m. It is important that you attend.

PATRONIZE UNION SERVICE; BUY UNION-MADE MERCHANDISE.

Attention: The following are the only union-operated cabs in the Salinas area:

Yellow and Checker Cabs, phone 7337, and Salinas and Carl's Cabs, phone 5565.

All other cabs in the Salinas area are non-union. Ride only in union cabs.

Don't forget: Our fight continues against Monterey County Liquor, 322 Monterey Street. This firm is on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Central Labor Councils of Salinas and Monterey. All bartenders take note—all products distributed by the firm are unfair.

Ask for Navajo Aid at Hearing

Washington.—A grim picture of famine among the Navajo Indians was laid before a joint congressional subcommittee on Indian Affairs. The original Americans, spokesmen for the Navajo Tribal Council, sat grave-faced in the hearing room as congressmen heard evidence on a bill introduced by Senator Hugh Butler (R., Neb.). The Butler bill would authorize spending of \$90 million to improve conditions on the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Famine and hardship on the Indian reservations of the Southwest have long been regarded as a serious problem by union leaders. Aside from the rights of the native Americans themselves, bad years see Indians used as cheap labor off the reservations, knocking down labor standards.

Last year, according to evidence laid before the committee, the Navajos were living on as little as 1,200 calories of food a day. At that time Congress was told that it was a great scandal that people in Germany were living on a 1,600 calorie diet.

Behind the present hearings is the story of a program for Indian rehabilitation developed by Max M. Drefkoff, industrial consultant to the Interior Department. Drefkoff is an eastern businessman who went to the Southwest for his health. While there he was struck by the poverty and high disease rates among the Navajos.

Drefkoff worked out a program of industrial development and education for the Navajos which has been largely accepted by the Interior Department. The Butler bill would put the Drefkoff program into effect.

At present the Navajos barely keep alive by grazing sheep. For years their lands have been overgrazed. Each fall, the men of the Navajo tribes in northern Arizona go into the high forests to harvest piñon nuts. In years with early blizzards the whole tribe may be trapped in the mountains.

A controversy developed during the present hearing over a proposal by Drefkoff to control the profits of the white traders on the reservations. Spokesmen for the 105 traders called the controls a threat to free enterprise.

Drefkoff told a reporter that the traders now gross from \$5 million to \$9 million a year. His proposals were passed as a resolution by the Navajo Tribal Council on March 20. They would yield the tribe \$200,000 a year as rent from the traders' stores. In addition, by forcing the traders to observe only normal markups of goods, they would save the Indians another \$500,000 annually.

One of the white traders, Howard Wilson of Gallup, N.M., told the committee that Navajos make poor storekeepers and traders themselves. He said they are intelligent, hard-working, and have keen senses of humor. But, he said, their customs are bad for business. Navajos are traditionally so generous, Wilson said, that they do not ask money from needy members of the tribe.

Labor Unity Body Set Up in Manila

Manila.—A national commission on labor unity has been established here to discuss merger of the separate union organizations in the islands. Eight groups are represented on the commission, among them the Congress of Labor Organizations, which is concentrated in the Manila area and adjoining provinces, the Federación Obrera de Filipinas, located in the central Visayan Islands, and the Independent National Labor Union.

In addition, there is an Inter-Government Unions' Federation, composed of five unions covering civil service workers.

The giant Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey set an all-time high in net income in 1947, making \$286,626,580. This compares with \$177,610,000 for the previous year.

that cost more than \$500 for the normal school year may do so by trading training time for the extra cost, Veterans Administration announces.

The additional charge in training time will be at the rate of one day for each \$210 of the excess charge above the \$500 maximum payment allowed by law.

Veterans desiring to enroll in excess cost courses must authorize V.A. to pay the full charges by filling in forms provided for that purpose.

The 191,000 World War II veterans in education and training programs in the Veterans Administration Branch 12 area were urged today not to write or contact V.A. offices asking how to qualify for increased subsistence benefits due to changes in rates, ceilings and number of dependents.

Colonel Thomas J. Cross, deputy administrator of the Branch 12 area (California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) said the higher rates will be paid automatically to those G.I. Bill trainees whose existing applications with V.A. contain the information needed to certify them for increases authorized in a bill signed recently by President Truman.

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